

# SIMPLIFIED CHINESE

Simplified Chinese generally refers to the Chinese characters officially simplified by the People's Republic of China government in an attempt to promote literacy. Mainland China and Singapore are the regions that typically use simplified Chinese characters.

A common codepage that is utilized by developers implementing Chinese fonts in their products is GB 2312-80, which consists of over 6000 frequently used Chinese ideographs used in mainland China. There is also the extension of GB 2312-80 called GBK, a Microsoft standard, which contains approximately 22,000 characters. GB 18030 was created as an update to GB 2312-80 for Unicode 3.0. Ascender's Chinese fonts comply with the Chinese standards bodies and can be provided in a variety of code pages.

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中文不使用字母，而是用字。中文究竟有多少字，谁也说不清楚，一般认为有三、四万个，常用字也有七、八千个。要想看懂中文报纸，至少要认识四、五千个中文字。

英汉翻译之所以难，不仅是因为这两种语言截然不同，而且因为它们所代表的文化有天壤之别。